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**Summary Report for Individual Task
071-COM-0608
Use Visual Signaling Techniques
Status: Approved**

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Condition: You are a member of a squad or team in a field environment and have been directed to use visual signals to communicate. You have signaling flags for mounted signals, and chemical light sticks or flashlights for night time.

Standard: Communicate with other Soldiers and/or vehicle crews using visual signaling techniques.

Special Condition: None

Special Standards: None

Special Equipment:

Safety Level: Low

MOPP:

Task Statements

Cue: None

DANGER

None

WARNING

None

CAUTION

None

Remarks: None

Notes: Visual signals are any means of communication that require sight and can be used to transmit planned messages rapidly over short distances. This includes the devices and means used for the recognition and identification of friendly forces.

Performance Steps

1. Use formation signals.

a. Perform a coil formation signal (Figure 1).

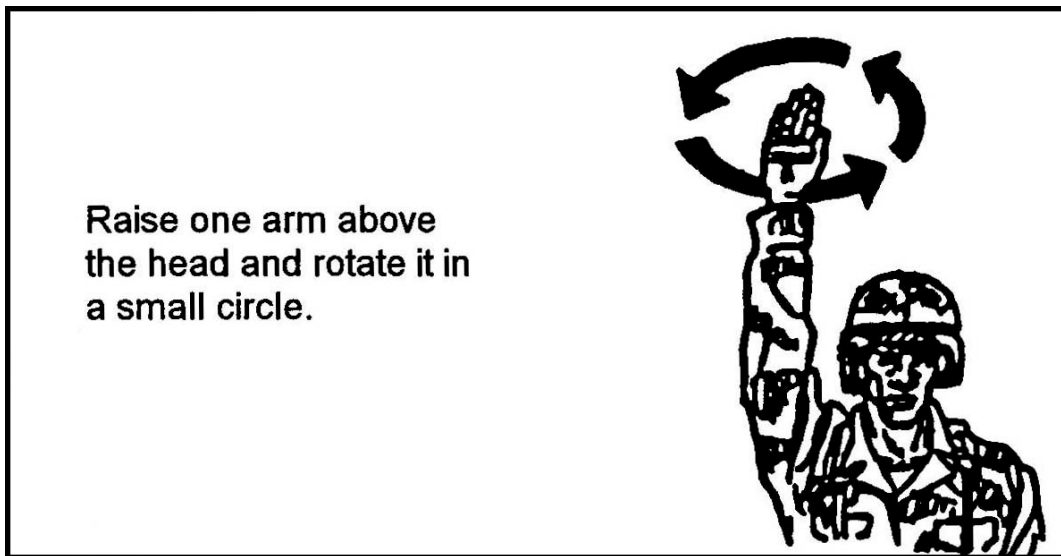


Figure 1. Coil

b. Perform a herringbone formation signal (Figure 2).

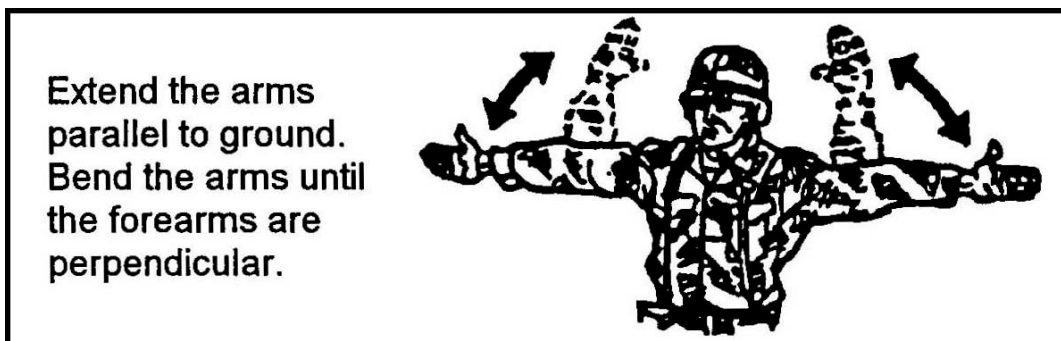


Figure 2. Herringbone.

2. Use drill signals.

a. Perform a contact left signal (Figure 3).

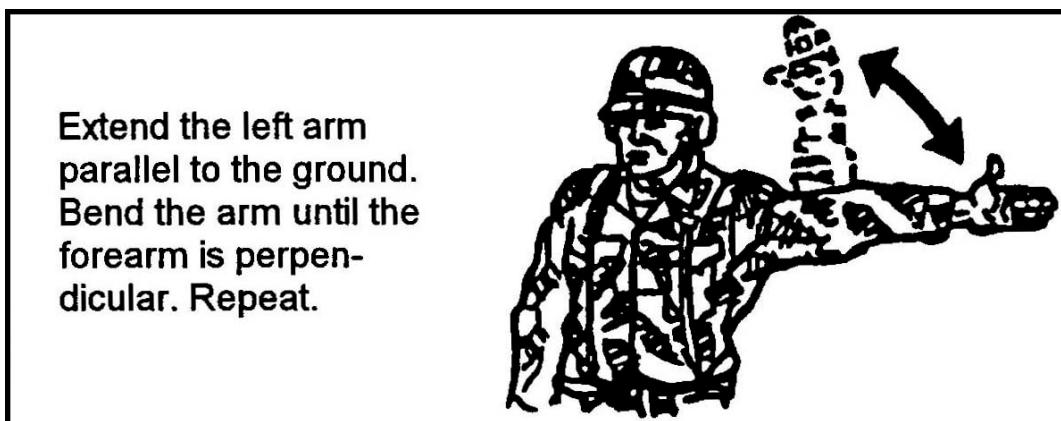


Figure 3. Contact Left.

- b. Perform a contact right signal (Figure 4).

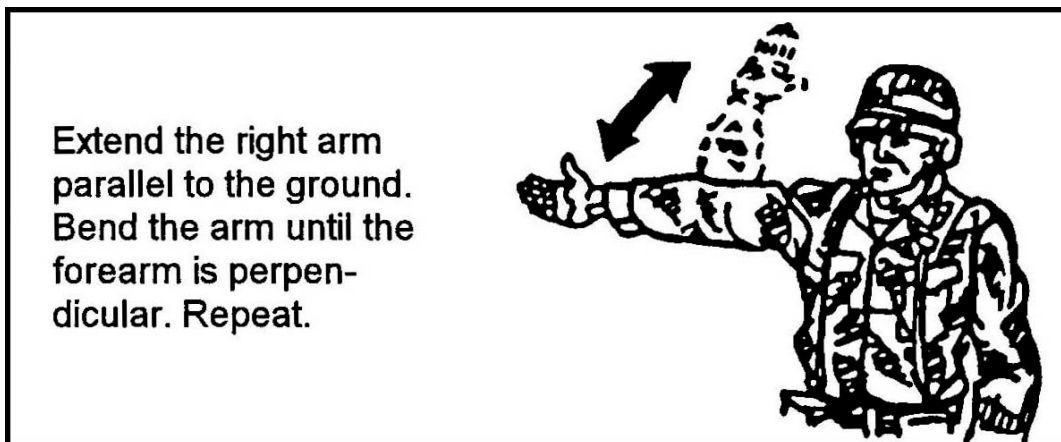


Figure 4. Contact Right.

- c. Perform a action left signal (Figure 5).

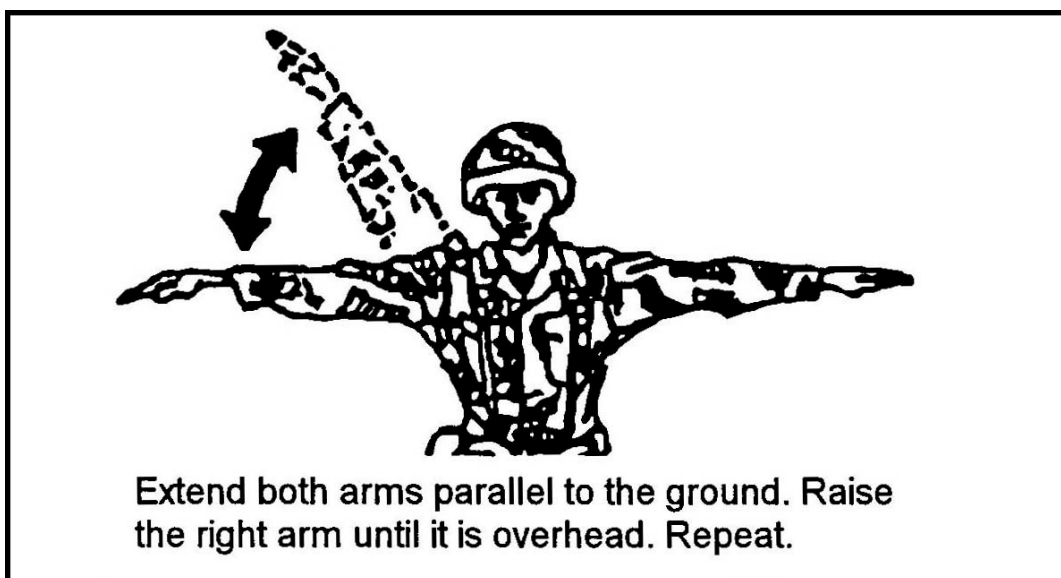


Figure 5. Action Left.

- d. Perform a action right signal (Figure 6).

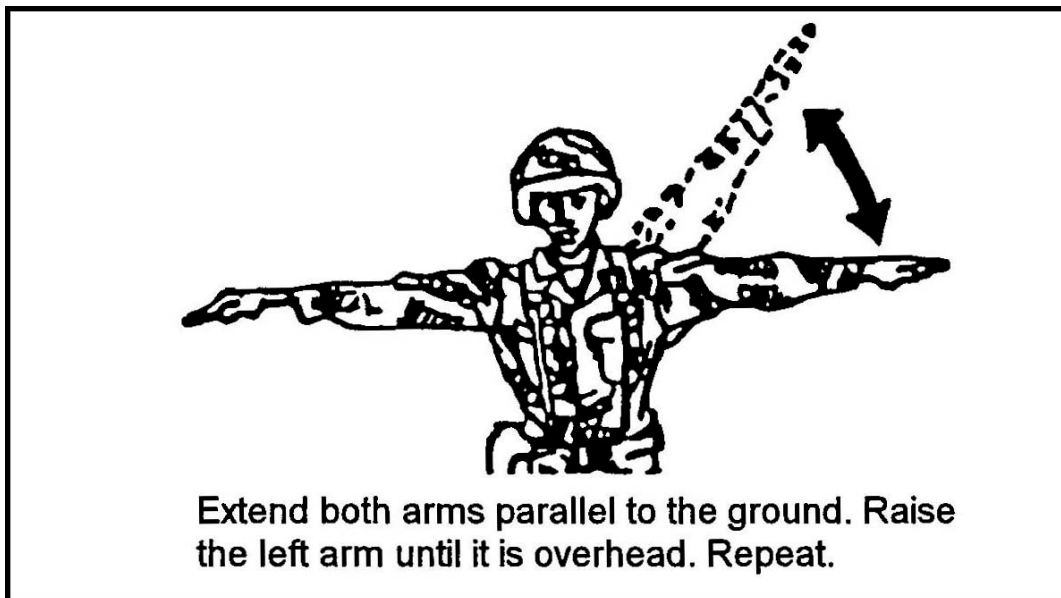


Figure 6. Action Right.

e. Perform a action front (right, left, or rear) signal (Figure 7).

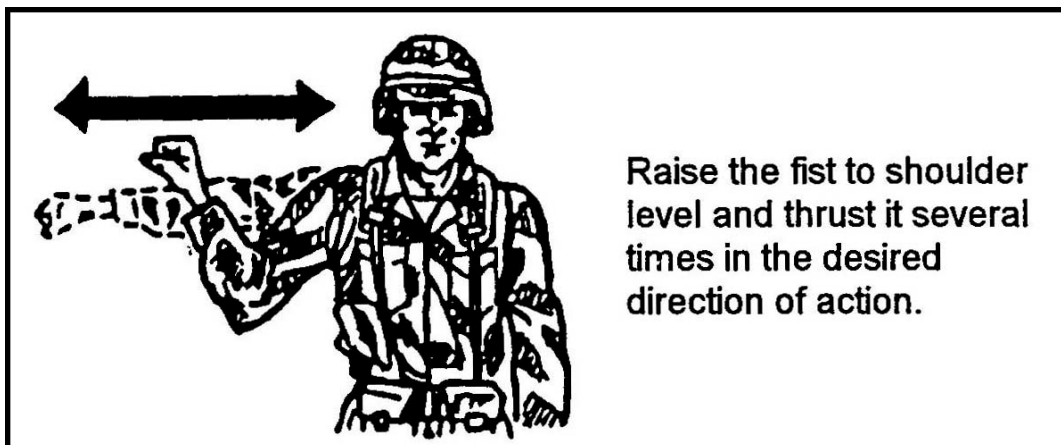


Figure 7. Action Front (Right, Left, or Rear).

f. Perform a air attack signal (Figure 8).

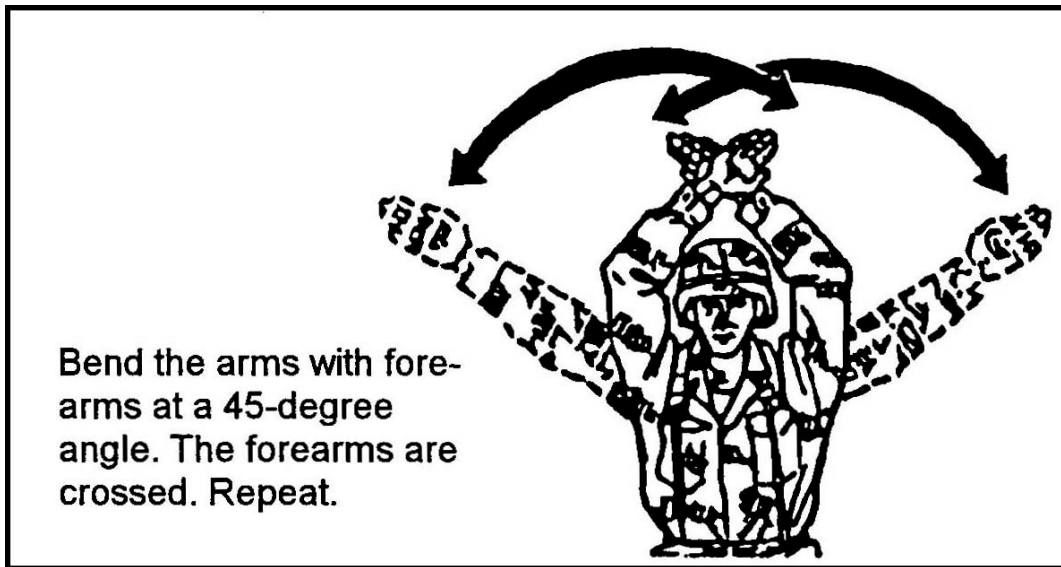


Figure 8. Air Attack.

g. Perform a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) signal (Figure 9).

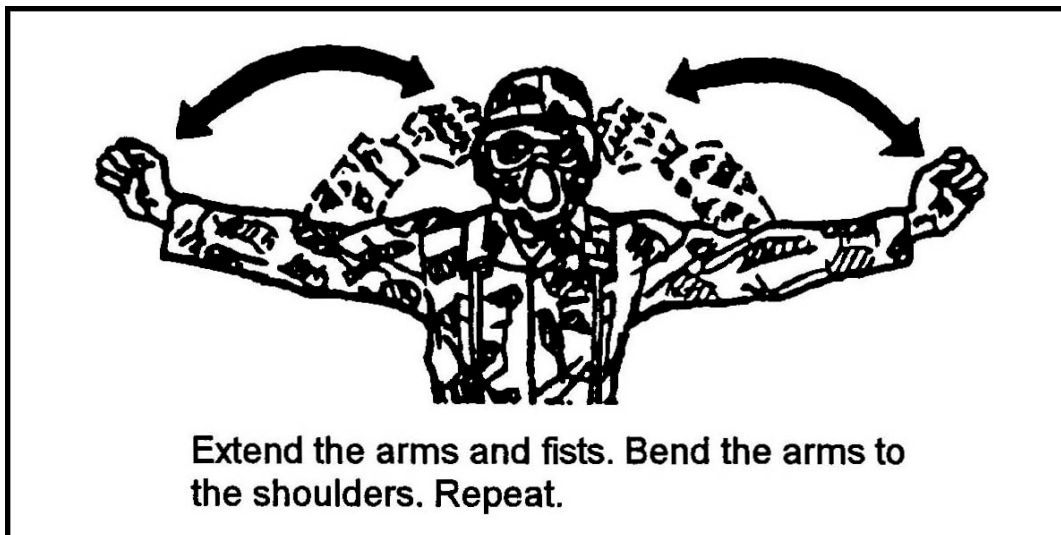


Figure 9. Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN).

3. Perform signals for movement.

a. Perform a traveling signal (Figure 10).

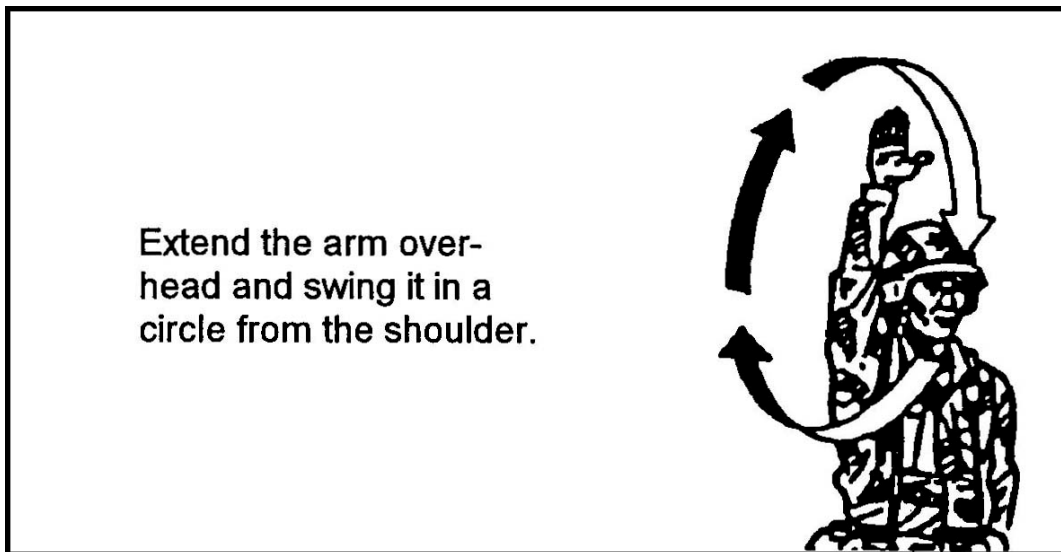


Figure 10. Traveling.

b. Perform a traveling overwatch signal (Figures 11).

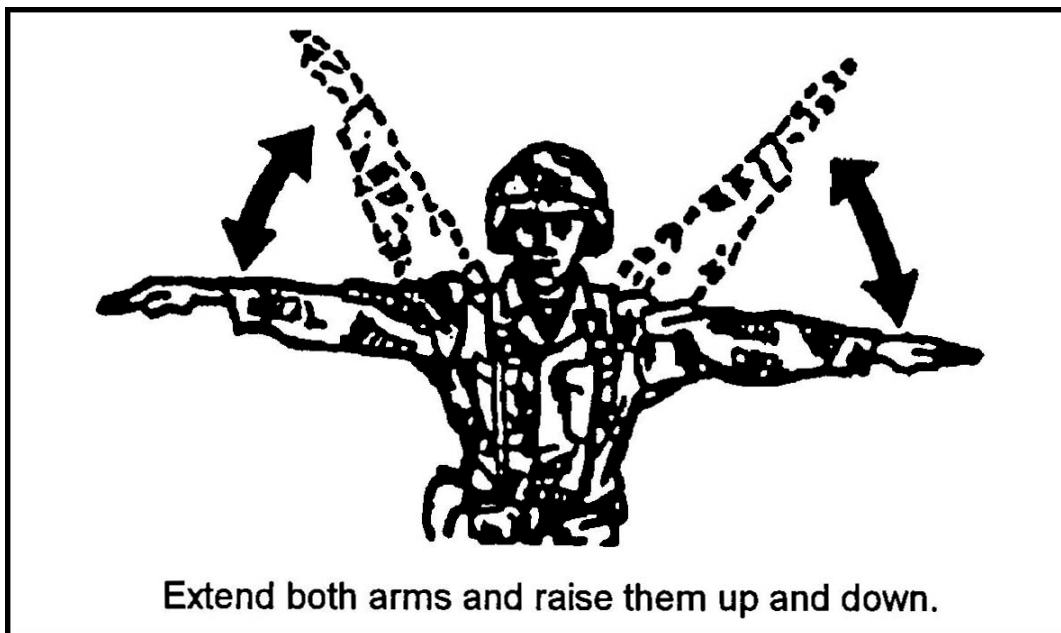


Figure 11. Traveling Overwatch.

c. Perform a bounding overwatch, cover my move signal (Figure 12).

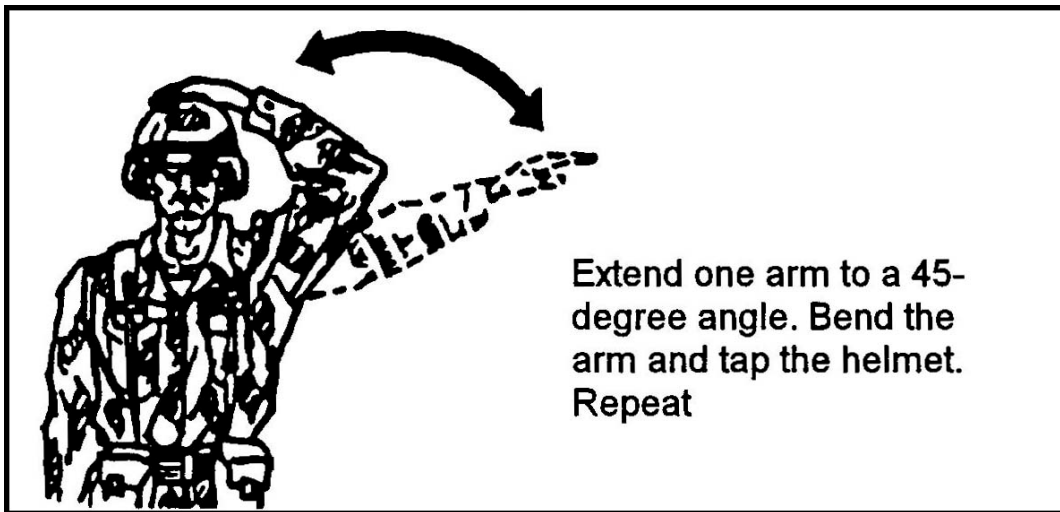


Figure 12. Bounding Overwatch, Cover My Move.

4. Perform signals to control vehicle drivers and crews.

a. Perform a move to the left signal (Figure 13).

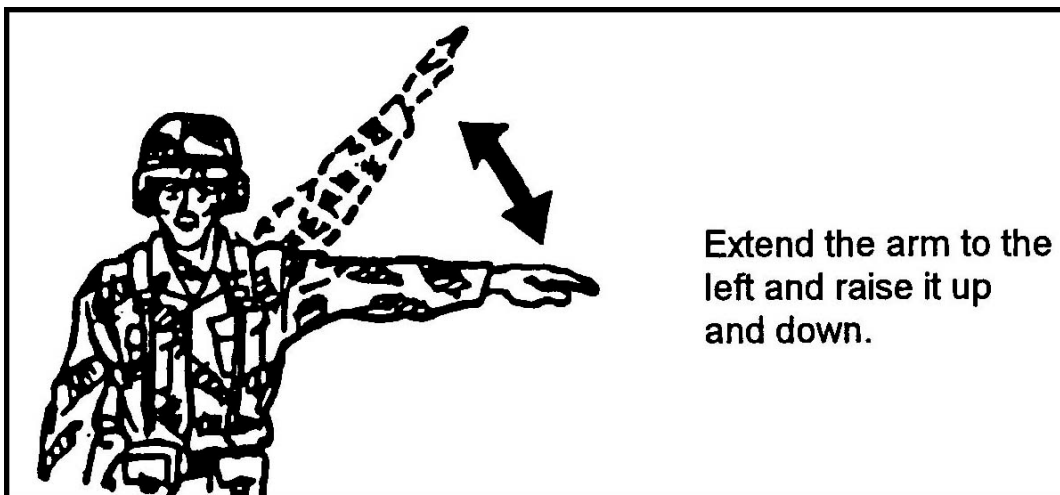


Figure 13. Move to the Left.

b. Perform a move to the right signal (Figure 14).

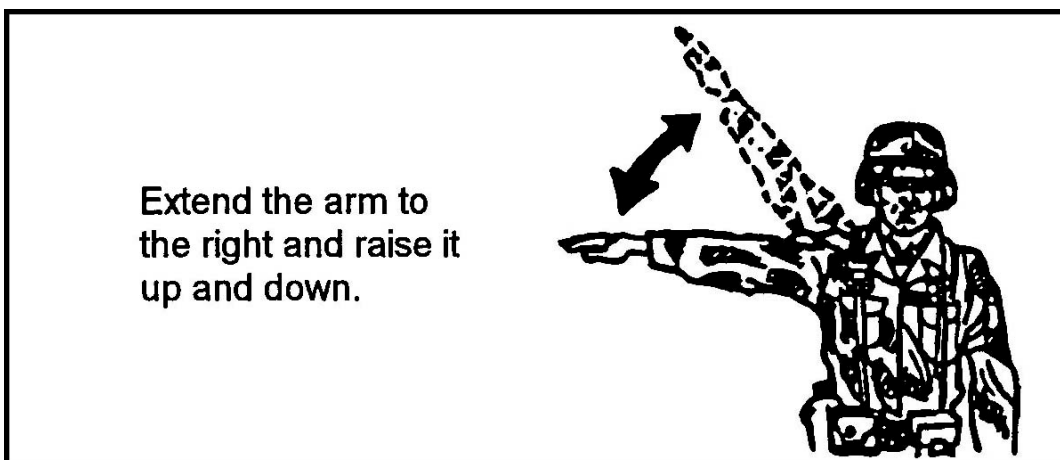


Figure 14. Move to the Right.

c. Perform a move forward signal (Figure 15).

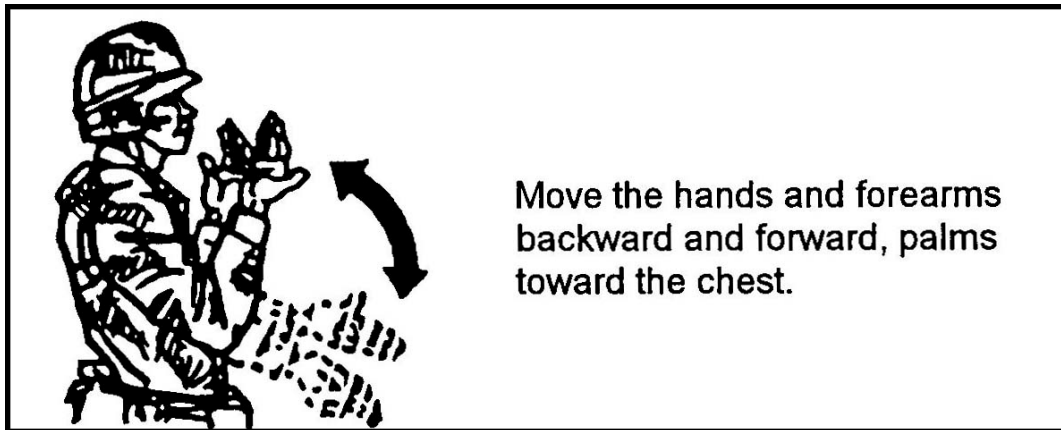


Figure 15. Move Forward.

d. Perform a attention signal (Figure 16).

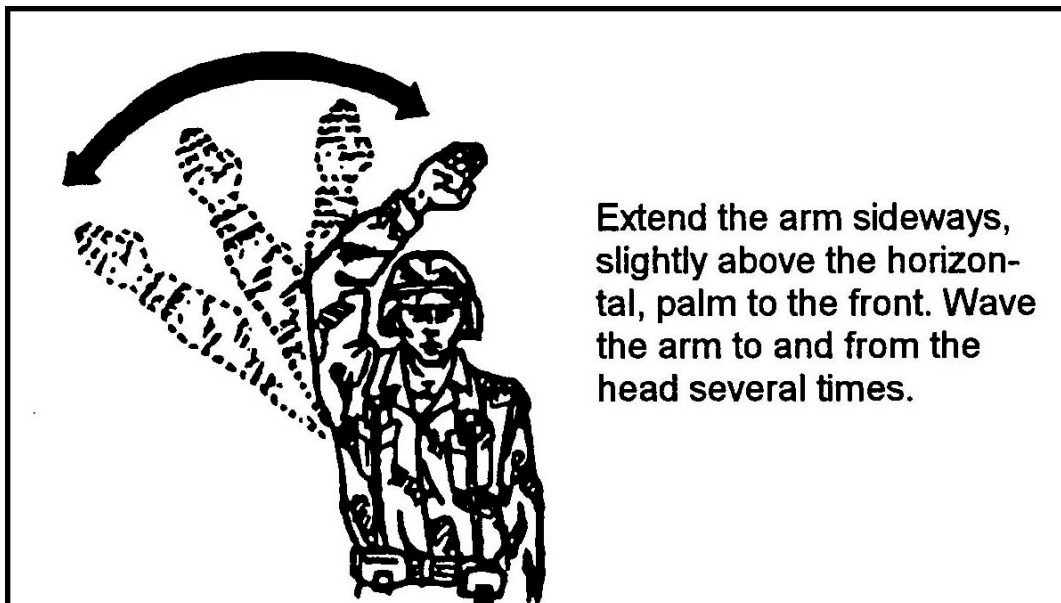


Figure 16. Attention.

e. Perform a I am ready, or ready to move, are you signal (Figure 17).

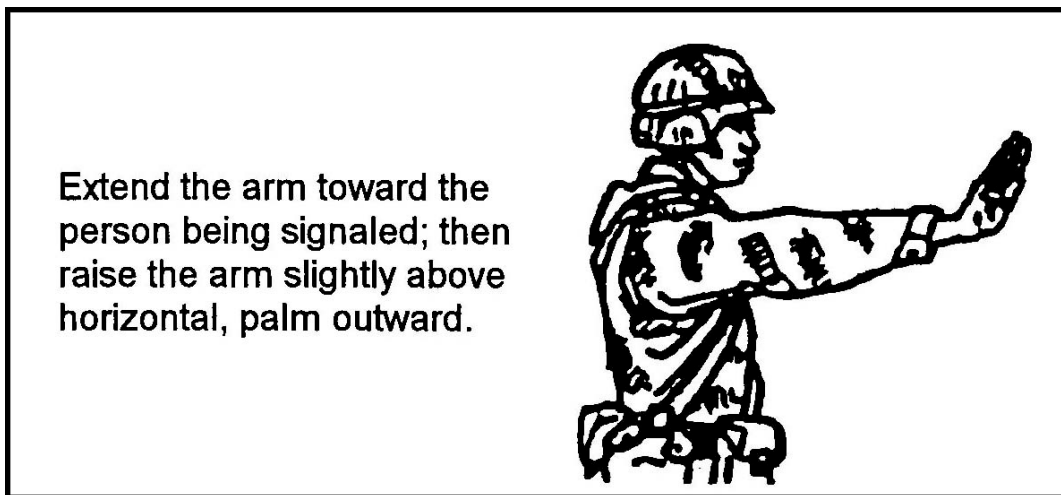


Figure 17. I am Ready, or Ready to Move, are you.

f. Perform a mount signal (Figure 18).

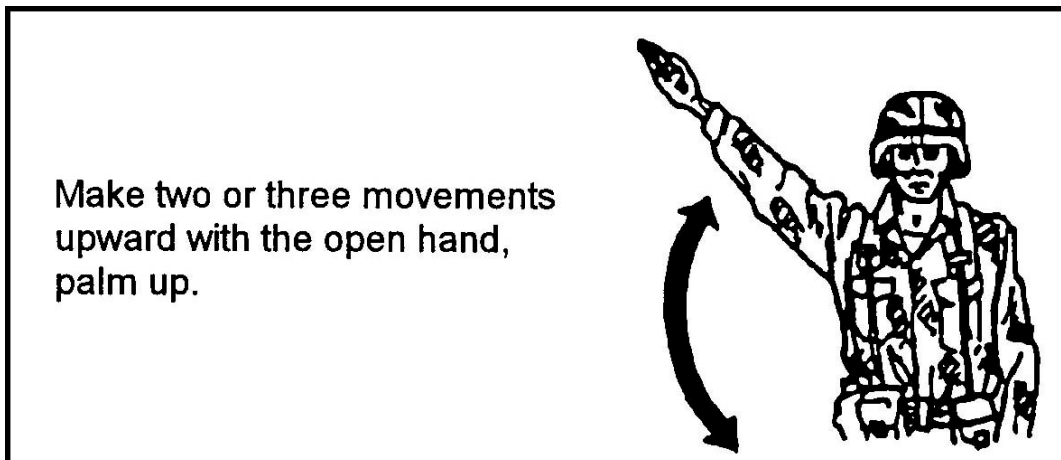


Figure 18. Mount.

g. Perform a disregard previous command signal (Figure 19).

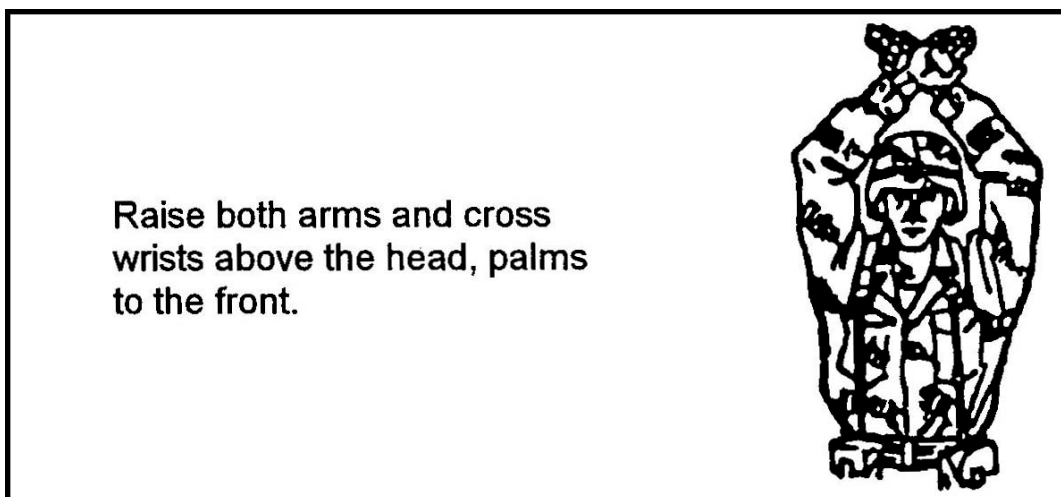


Figure 19. Disregard Previous Command.

h. Perform a I do not understand signal (Figure 20).

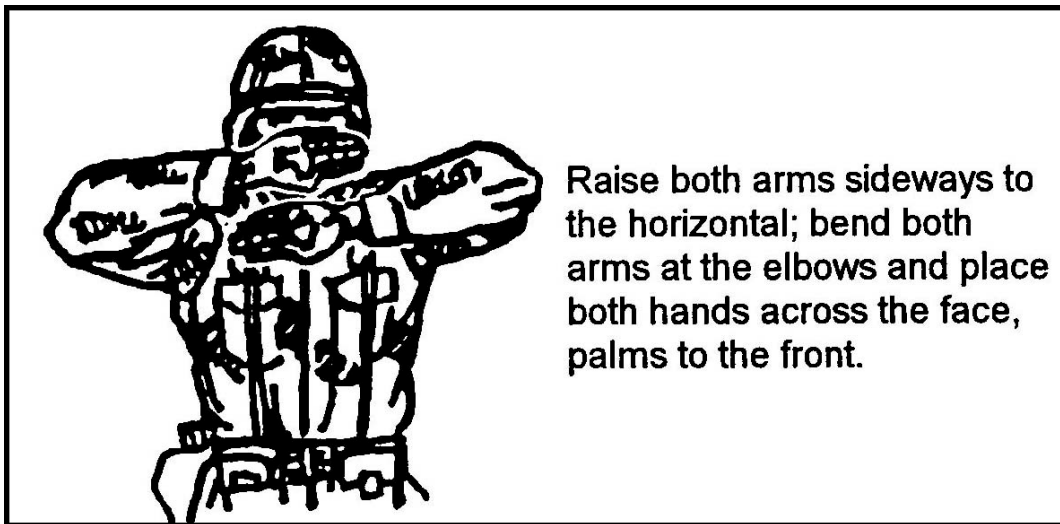


Figure 20. I Do Not Understand.

- i. Perform a start engine, or prepare to move signal (Figure 21).

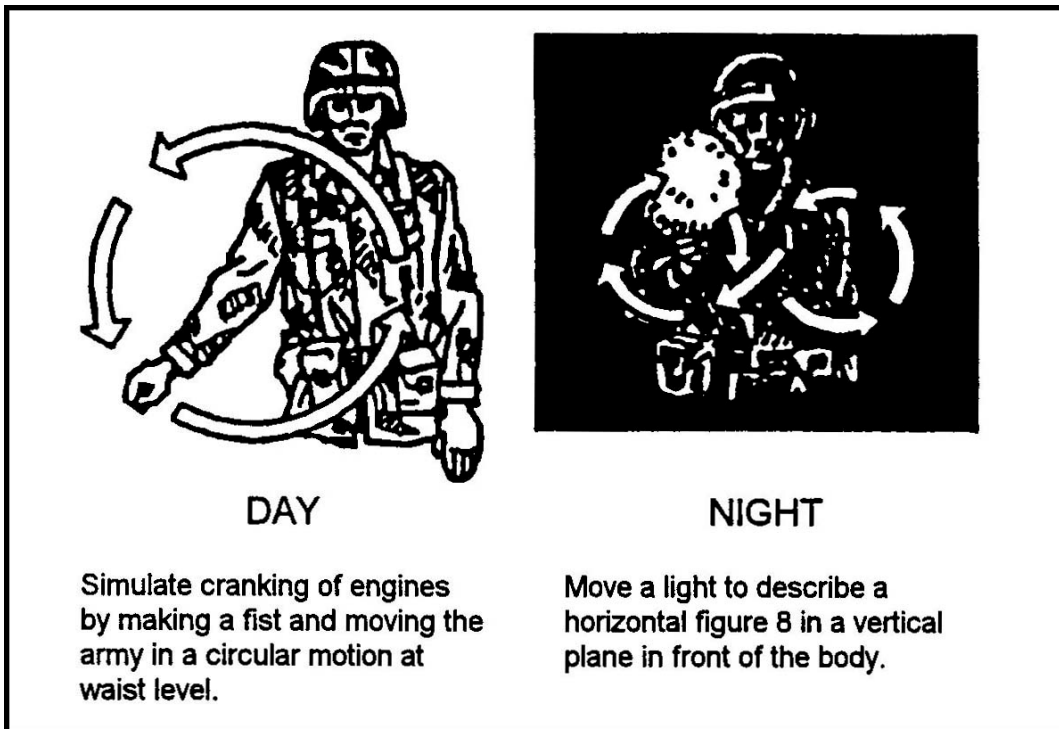


Figure 21. Start Engine, or Prepare to Move.

- j. Perform a halt or stop signal (Figure 22).

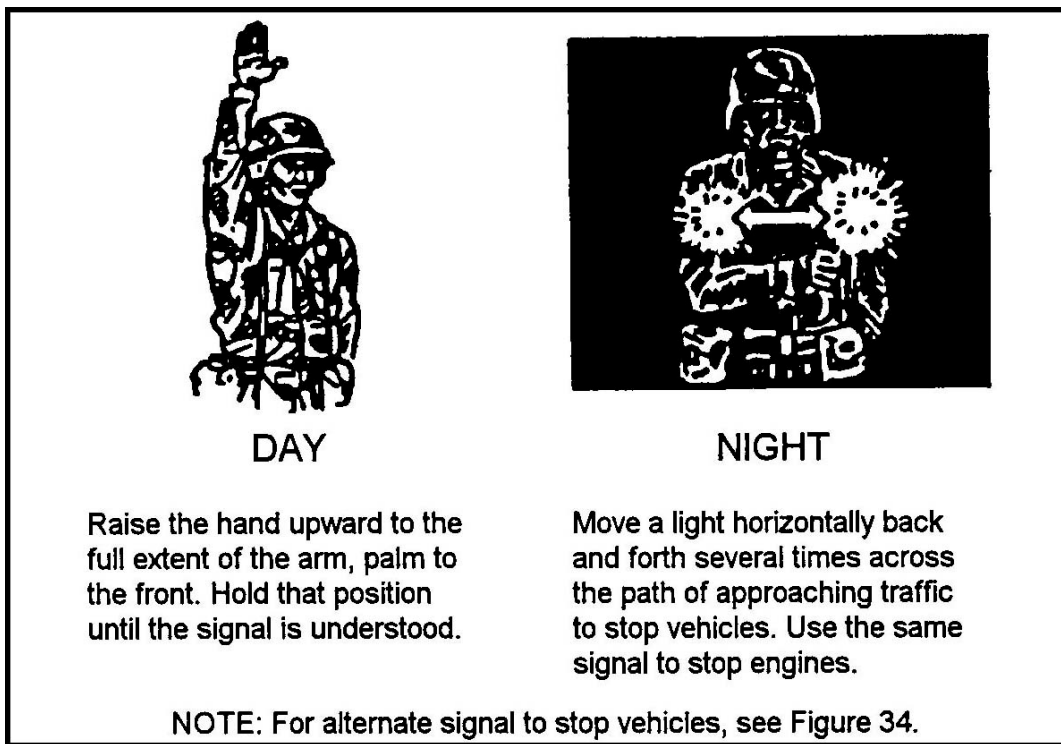


Figure 22. Halt or Stop.

k. Perform a increase speed signal (Figure 23).

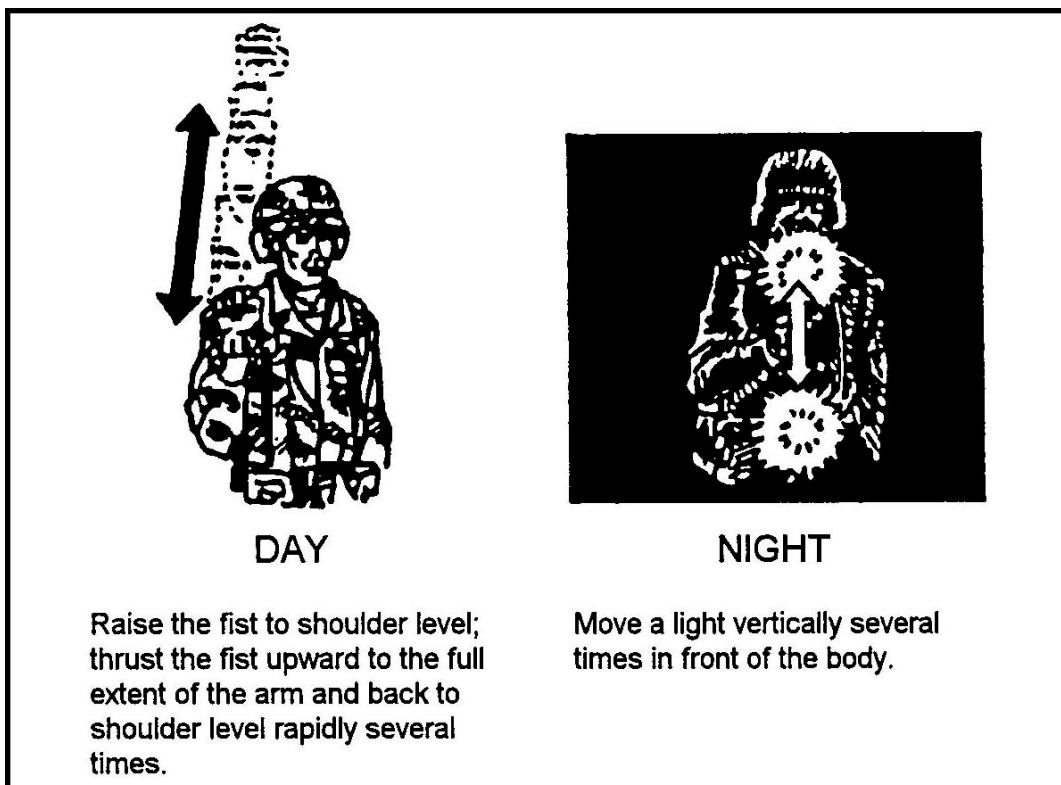


Figure 23. Increase Speed.

l. Perform a advance or move out signal (Figure 24).

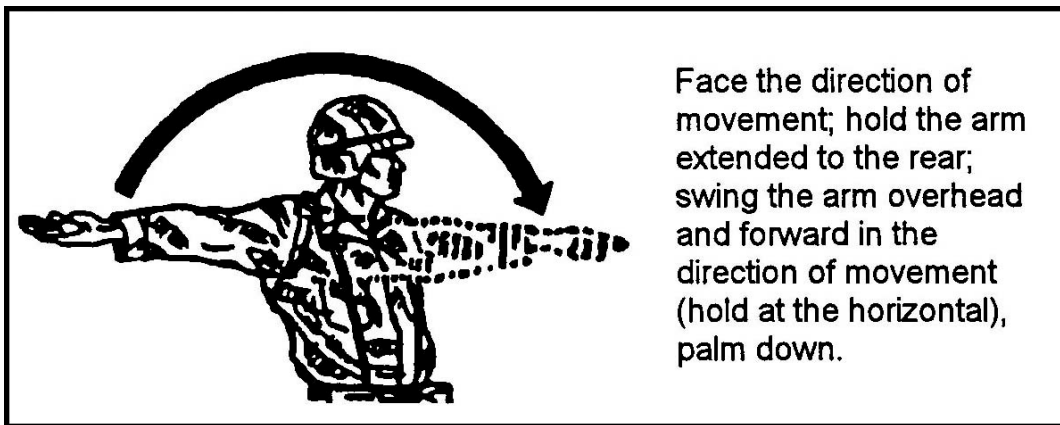


Figure 24. Advance or Move Out.

m. Perform a open up signal (Figure 25).

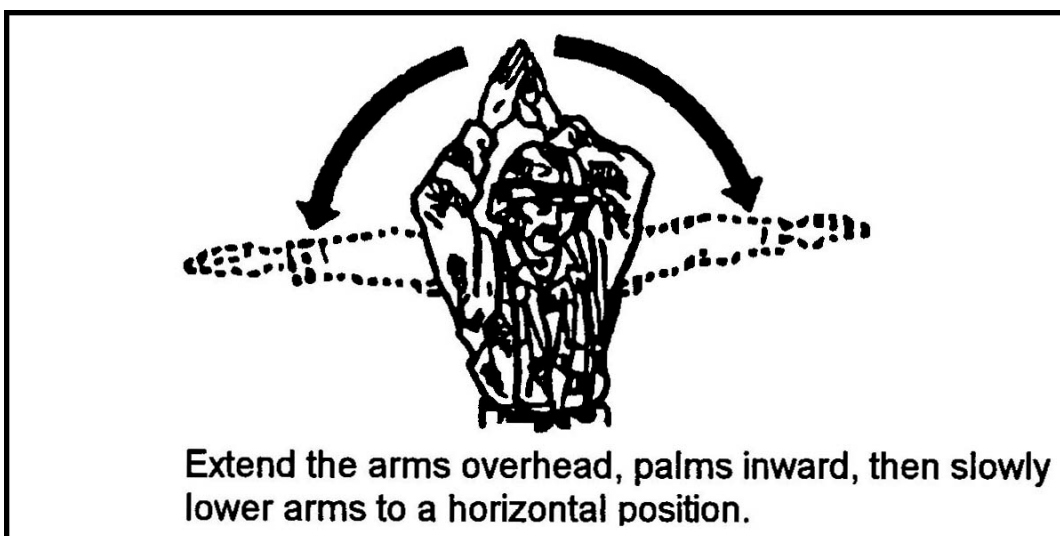


Figure 25. Open Up.

n. Perform a close up signal (Figure 26).

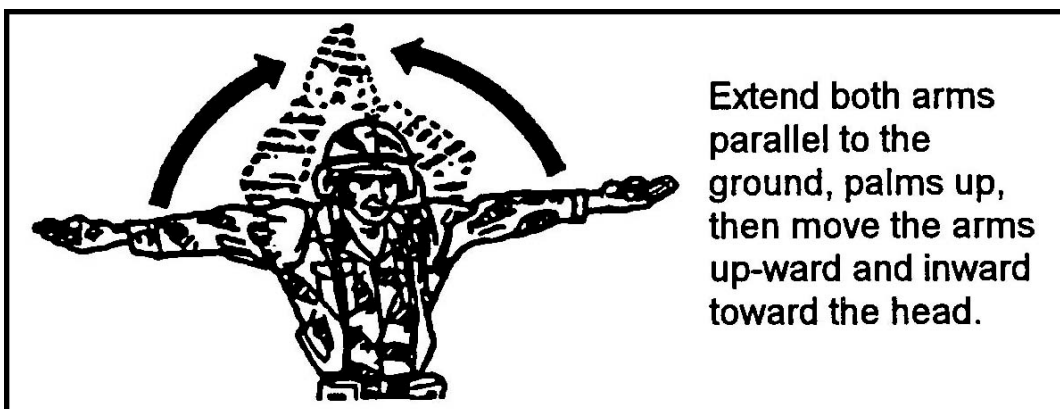


Figure 26. Close Up.

o. Perform a right or left turn signal (Figure 27).

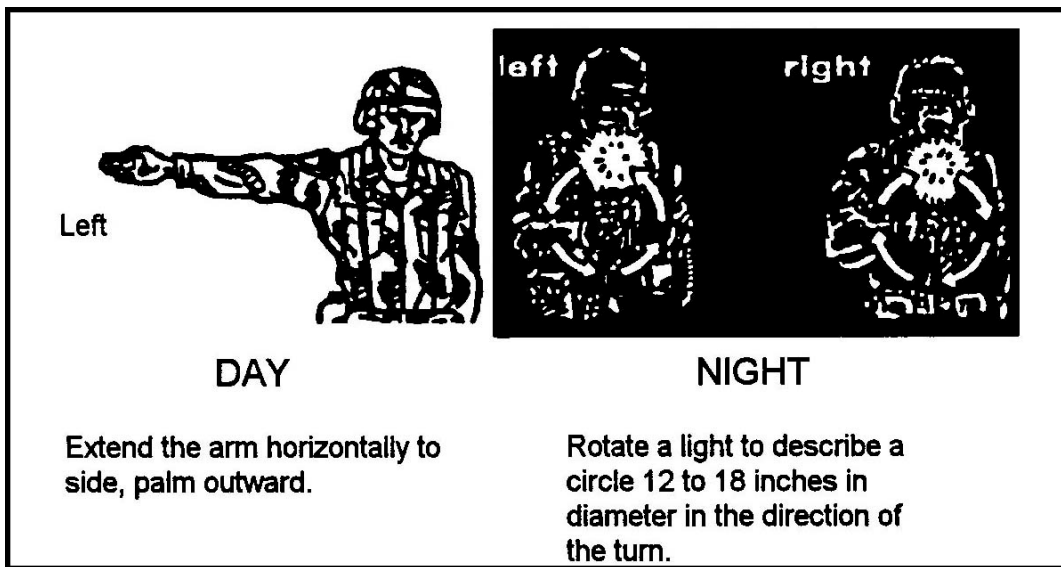


Figure 27. Right or Left Turn.

p. Perform a slow down signal (Figure 28).

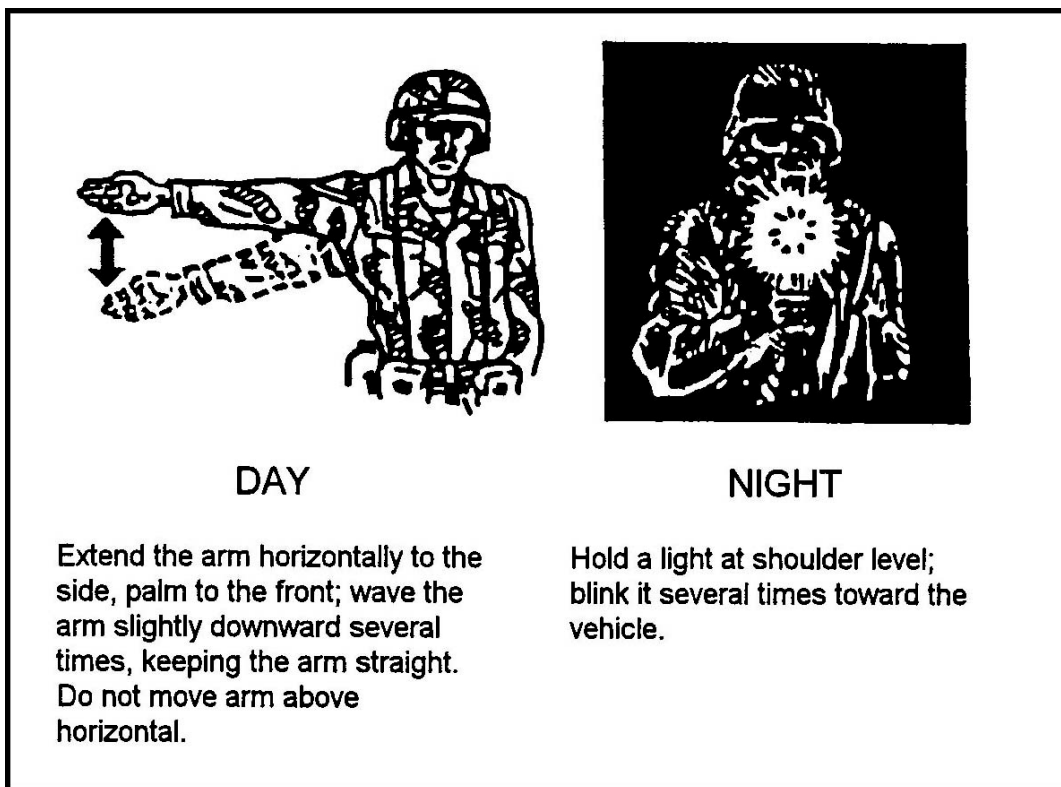


Figure 28. Slow Down.

q. Perform a move in reverse signal (Figure 29).

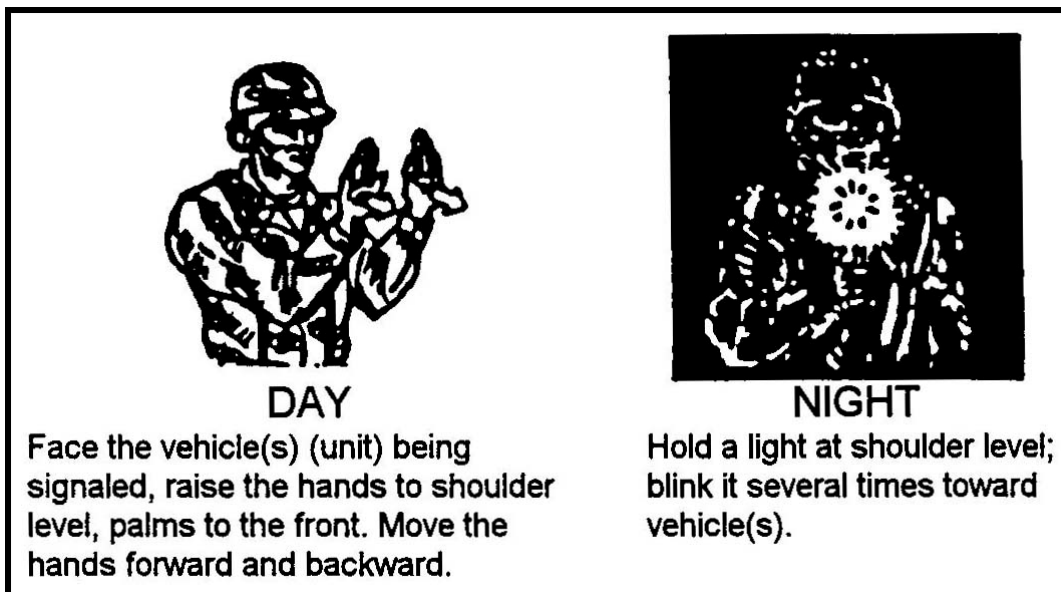


Figure 29. Move in Reverse.

r. Perform a close distance between vehicles signal (Figure 30).

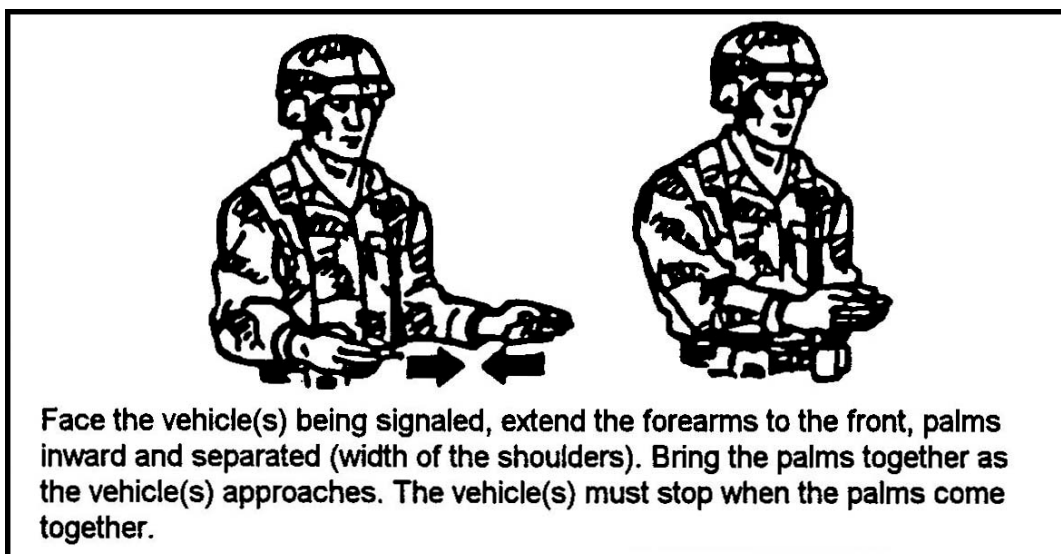


Figure 30. Close Distance Between Vehicles.

s. Perform a stop engines signal (Figure 31).

Extend the arm parallel to the ground, hand open, and move the arm across the body in a throat-cutting action.



Figure 31. Stop Engines.

t. Perform a dismount signal (Figure 32).



Extend the arms, make two or three movements up and down, hands open toward ground.

Figure 32. Dismount.

u. Perform a neutral steer signal (Figure 33).

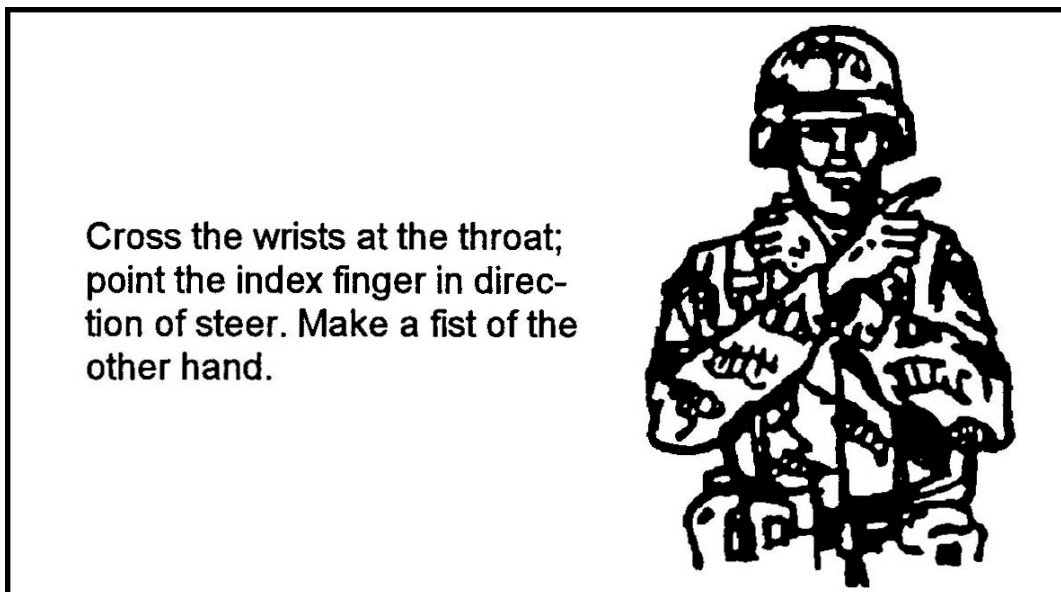


Figure 33. Neutral Steer.

v. Perform a stop signal (Figure 34).

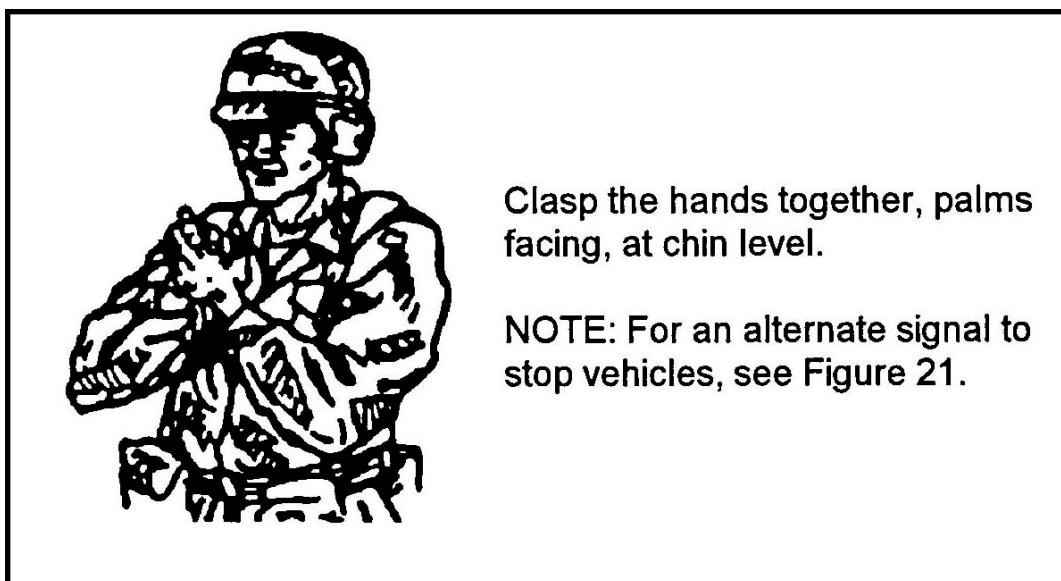


Figure 34. Stop.

w. Perform a button up/unbutton signal (Figure 35).

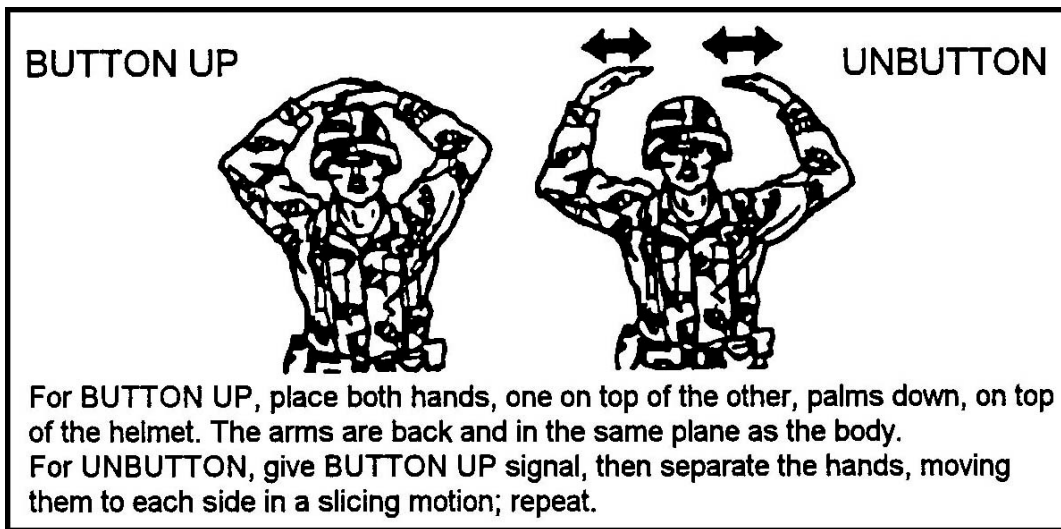


Figure 35. Button Up/Unbutton.

- x. Perform a message acknowledged signal (Figure 36).

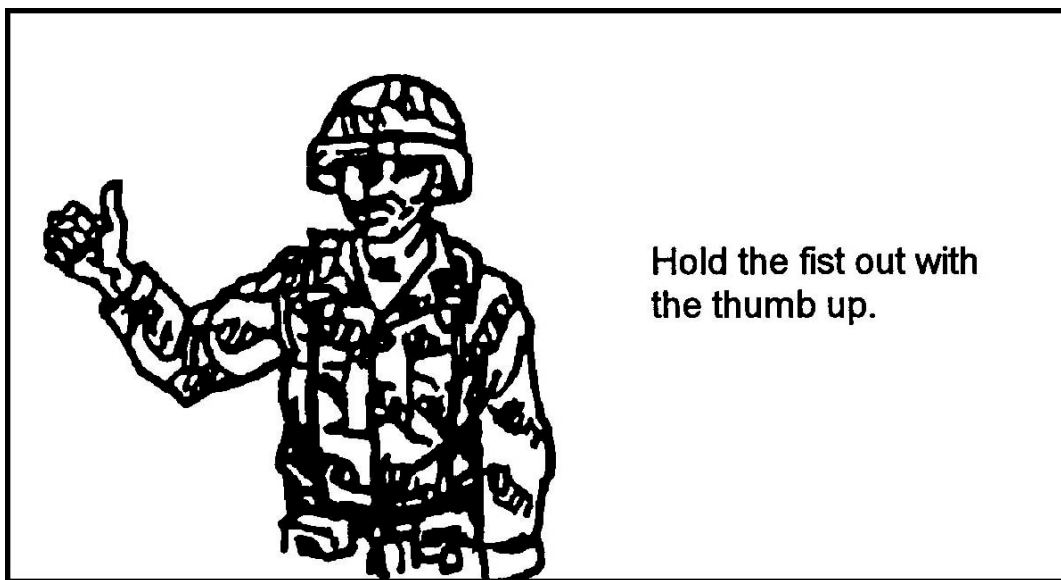


Figure 36. Message Acknowledged.

- 5. Use flag signals.

- a. Perform a single signal flag signal (Figure 37).

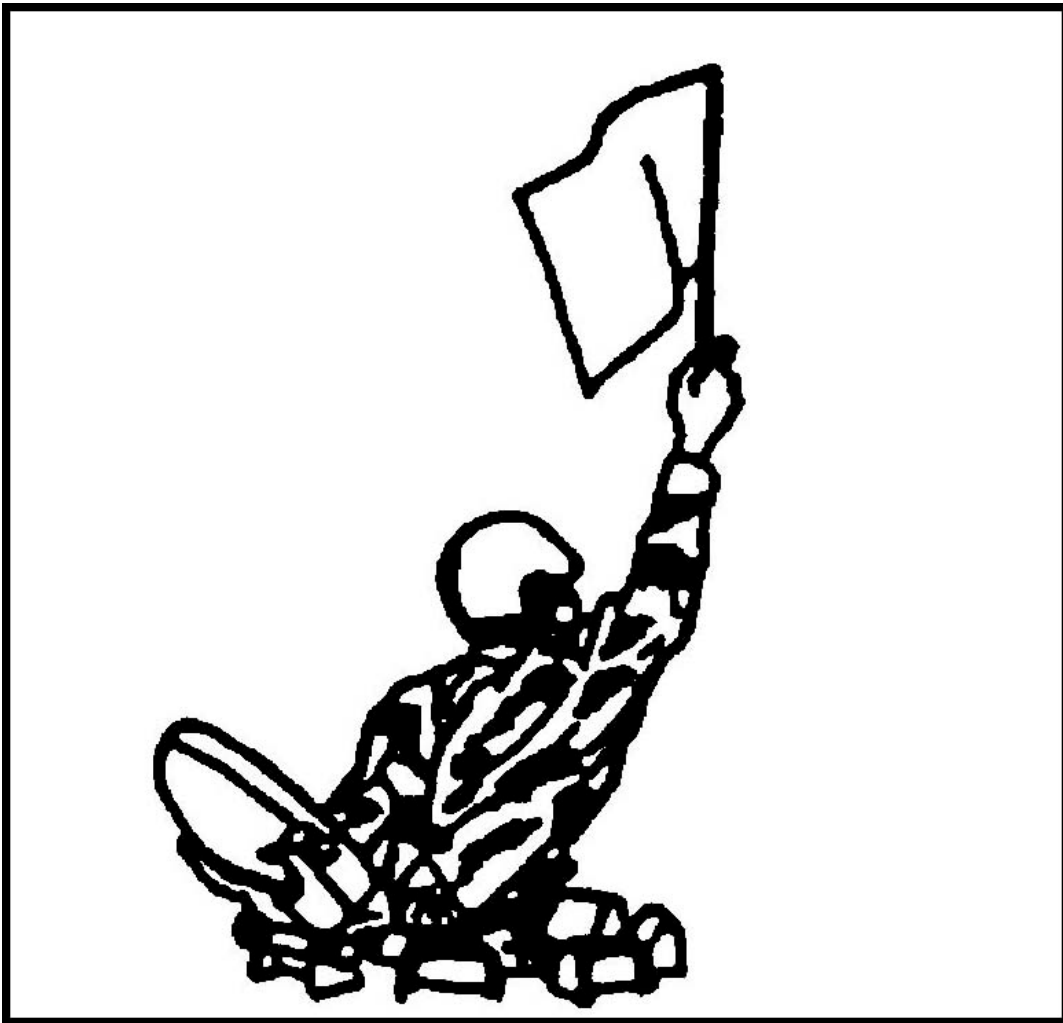


Figure 37. Single Signal Flag.

b. Perform a mount signal (Figure 38).

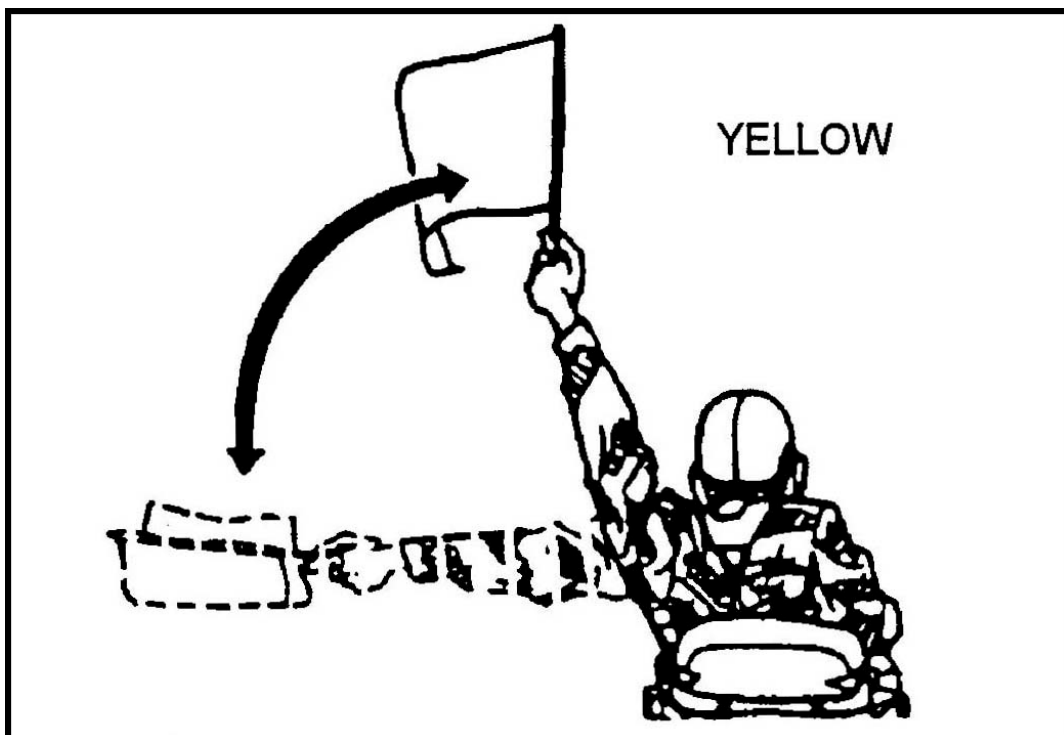


Figure 38. Mount.

c. Perform a dismount signal (Figure 39).

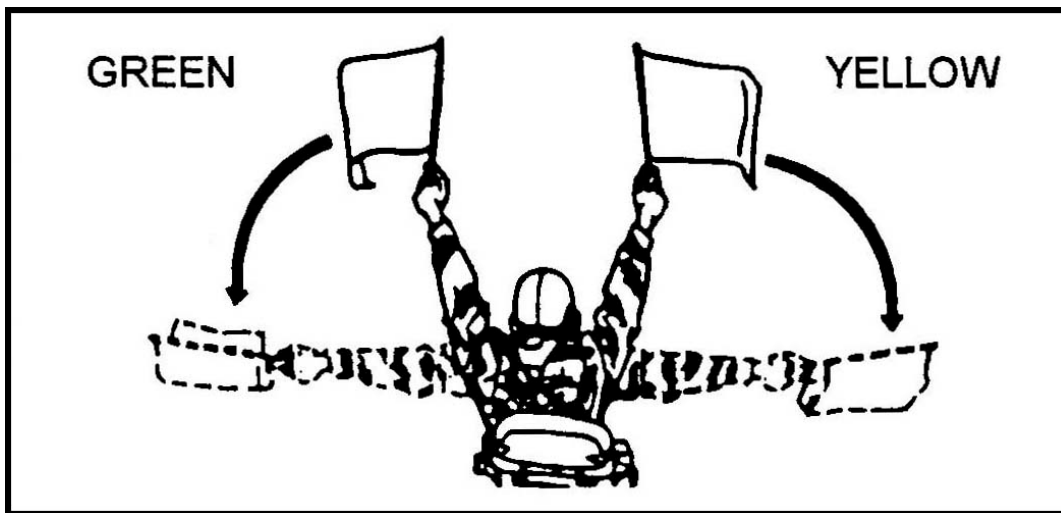


Figure 39. Dismount.

d. Perform a dismount and assault signal (Figure 40).

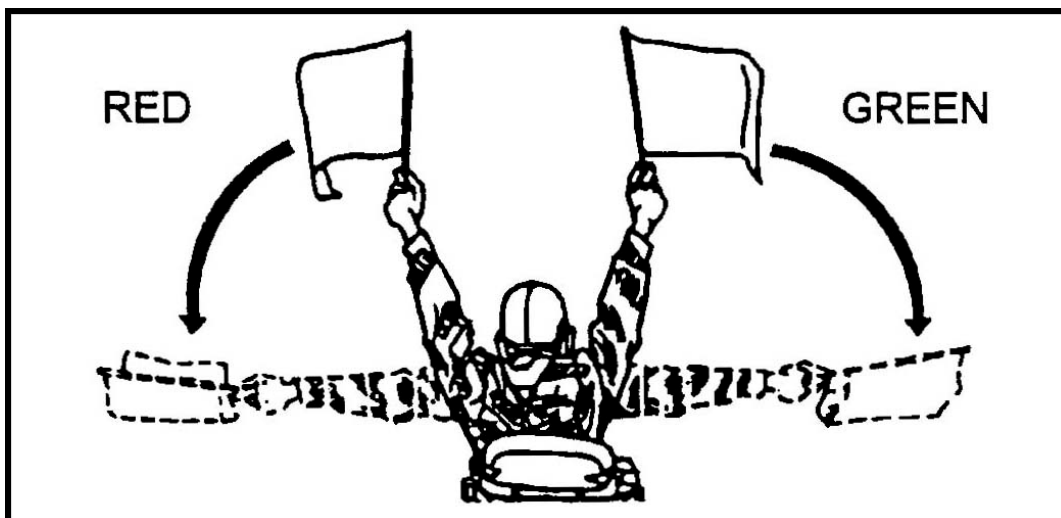


Figure 40. Dismount and Assault.

e. Perform a assemble or close signal (Figure 41).

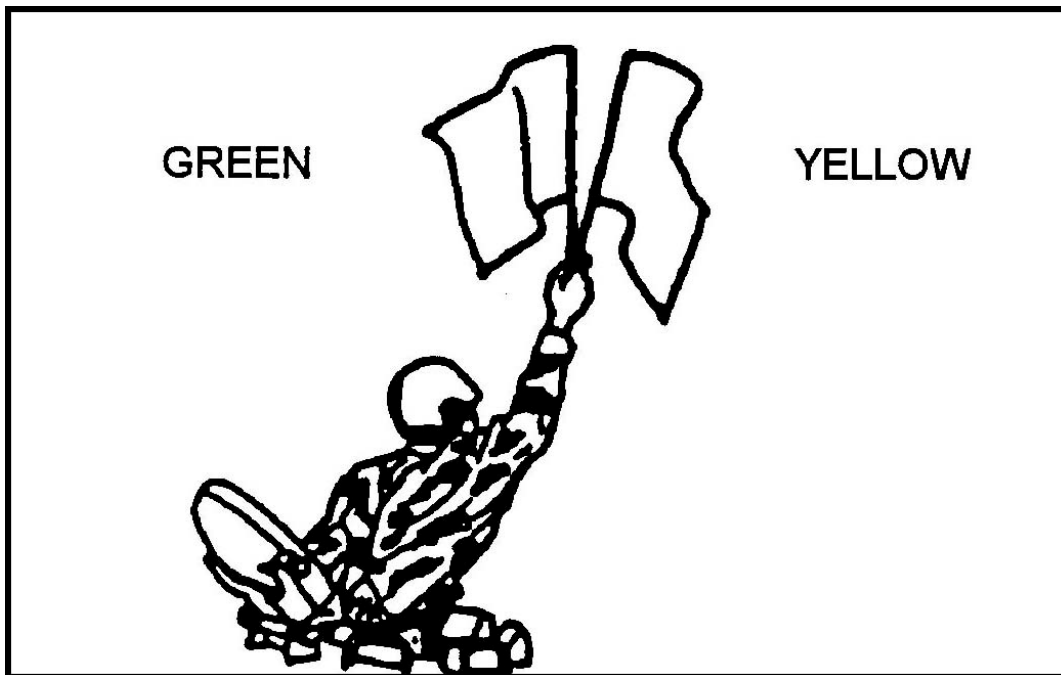


Figure 41. Assemble or Close.

f. Perform a move out signal (Figure 42).

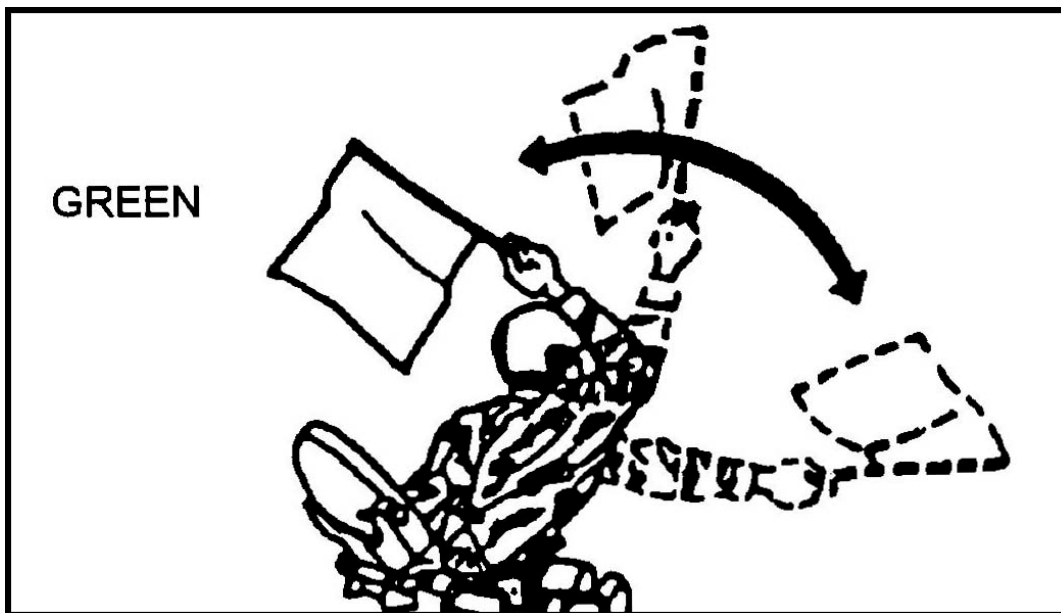


Figure 42. Move Out.

g. Perform a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) signal (Figure 43).

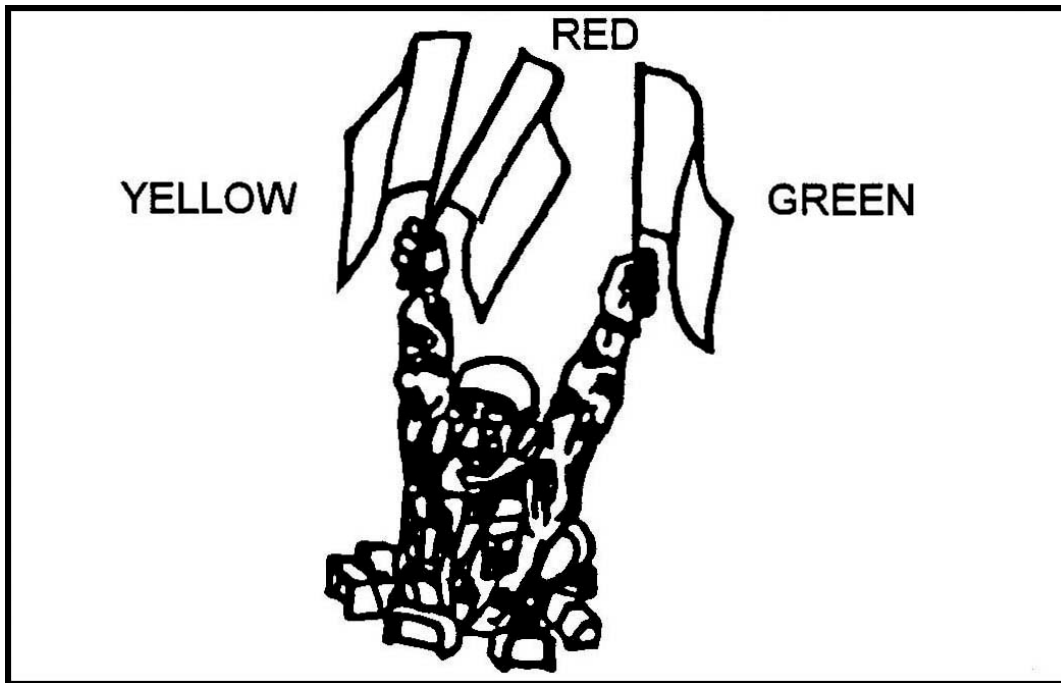


Figure 43. Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN).

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

Evaluation Preparation: SETUP: Provide the Soldier with the equipment and/or materials described in the conditions statement.

BRIEF THE SOLDIER: Tell the Soldier what is expected by reviewing the task standards. Stress to the Soldier the importance of observing all cautions, warnings, and dangers to avoid injury to personnel and, if applicable, damage to equipment.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. Used formation signals.			
2. Used drill signals.			
3. Performed signals for movement.			
4. Performed signals to control vehicle drivers and crews.			
5. Used flag signals.			

Supporting Reference(s):

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary
	FM 21-60	Visual Signals	No	Yes
	FM 3-20.96	Reconnaissance and Cavalry Squadron	No	No

Environment: Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Units will assess environmental risk using the checklist in TC 3-34.489 and assessment matrixes in FM 3-34.5, Appendix D. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so, you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects.

Safety: In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with FM 5-19, Composite Risk Management. Leaders will complete a DA Form 7566 COMPOSITE RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHEET during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines

Prerequisite Individual Tasks : None

Supporting Individual Tasks :

Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
551-88M-1384	Perform as Wheeled Vehicle Ground Guide Day or Night	551 - Transportation (Individual)	Approved
071-326-3013	Conduct a Tactical Road March	071 - Infantry (Individual)	Approved
061-266-0001	Ground Guide a Wheeled or Tracked Vehicle	061 - Field Artillery (Individual)	Approved

Supported Individual Tasks :

Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
171-620-0060	Conduct a Tactical Road March at Company/Troop Level	171 - Armor (Individual)	Approved
071-326-3013	Conduct a Tactical Road March	071 - Infantry (Individual)	Approved

Supported Collective Tasks :

Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
55-2-4006(Step: 1.)	Defend Convoy Elements	55 - Transportation (Collective)	Approved
07-2-1189	Conduct a Dismounted Tactical Road March (Platoon-Company)	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Approved
07-1-1199	Conduct Tactical Movement	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Approved